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[MR. TUCK, CHAIRMAN.]

REPORT

OF THE

JOINT COMMITTEE

ON THE

STATE LIBRARY.

REPORT.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES,

February 19th, 1841.

Read and ordered to be printed.

The joint committee on the State Library, ask leave to submit the following report:

The Committee have examined the annual report of the Librarian, and find that the annexed statements of his receipts and disbursements are correct.

The Library continues to increase by the annual appropriation for its use, and the exchange of books with our sister States, and the General Government. Its usefulness to the several departments of the government, and the public generally, commends it to the favorable consideration of the legislature, while the manner in which it is conducted by the Librarian challenges the approbation of all who are admitted to its privileges. It now contains ten thousand, four hundred and twenty-six volumes, in use, (comprising seventeen hundred and seventy-nine works on different subjects, exclusive of the laws of States, and the United States,) besides three thousand, three hundred and fifty-four surplus volumes, retained for sale, or exchange. A list of which is hereto appended.

It has been augmented since the last report, by seven hundred and seventy-two volumes, under the direction of the joint committee of the last session; and your committee hope, that in a few years it will, under the fostering care of the State, become one of the most valuable State Libraries in the country. While other States are establishing such institutions, and endowing them with a liberal hand, it does not become Maryland

to impede the progress of her own; but rather to vie with her neighbours in the laudable course they are now pursuing.

The surplus works comprise Kilty's Reports of British Statutes, Bozman's Maryland, Conventions of Maryland in 1774, '75 and '76, Dorsey's Testamentary law, Dorsey's Laws of Maryland, Maryland Reports, Bland's Reports, and Dorsey's Maryland law of Insolvency, which we may continue to dispose of by sale, or exchange, without affecting the usefulness of the library. Some of these works should be more generally diffused, as they were published under the patronage of the State, from a conviction of their general utility, and the committee therefore, report resolutions to that end.

Your committee would also remark, that the State has become possessed of her early history, by the kindness of one of her own sons—Honorable John Leeds Kerr—who presented her with the manuscript copy of Bozman's History, stipulating that six copies only of the work should be presented to himself. The committee would recommend, that the number be increased to fifty copies, as a further acknowledgment of the value of the work, and of the State's sense of the donor's liberality.

The committee respectfully suggest, that an appropriation be made for necessary repairs of the room and furniture, and they report a resolution for that purpose.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

HORACE WILSON,

On the part of the Senate.

WM. H. TUCK, Ch'n.,

On the part of the House of Delegates.

Number of Works and Volumes in the Maryland State Library.

	<i>No. of Works.</i>	<i>Volumes.</i>
Of Agriculture and Horticulture,	19	41
Ancient History,	26	55
Architecture,	3	3
Bibliography,	21	199
Biography,	81	182
Canals, &c.,	36	48
Chemistry and Medicine,	21	59
Education,	35	29
Engravings,	17	26
Epistolary,	20	27
Geography, Travels and Voyages,	66	95
Atlases, &c.	44	48
Harper's Family Library,	66	104
Lardner's Cab. Cyclo'a.	14	23
Lexicography,	23	41
Logic, Rhetoric and Orations,	29	40
Maryland State Documents &c.	12	1244
Mathematics,	12	12
Modern History,	126	403
Modern and Natural Philosophy,	47	77
Natural History,	49	67
Newspapers, &c.	15	187
Novels, &c.	96	186
Poetry and Plays,	30	49
Political Economy,	22	24
Politics,	148	381
Polygraphical,	132	497
Printing	2	2
Tactics,	12	22
Theology,	80	131
U. States Papers & Documents, &c.	9	1989
Common Law,	215	370
Criminal Law,	20	37
Merchants and Maritime,	14	22
American Reports,	112	930
British Reports.	41	187
English do.	56	158
Laws of the U. States, and the several States, &c.,		2431
No. of various works,	1,779	
No. of volumes,		10,426

Surplus Books,

Kilty's Reports of British Statutes,	665 copies.	
Bozman's Md.	802 Vols.	
Conventions 1774,	140	"
Dorsey's Testamentary Laws,	85	"
Dorsey's laws of Md.	1242	"
Maryland Reports,	380	"
Bland's Reports, 11 sets,	22	"
Dorsey's Md. Insolvent Laws,	18	"
		3,354
In all,		13,780

RESOLUTIONS.

No. 1.

Resolved, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the Librarian be, and he is hereby authorised and required, to deliver to the Secretary of State, to be transmitted to the several States and Territories, and to the Library of Congress, such surplus works now remaining in the Library, as the joint committee on the Library may direct.

No. 2.

Resolved, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the Librarian be, and he is authorised and directed, to transmit one copy of Dorsey's Laws of Maryland, to the following public officers: The several Orphan's Courts—the several County Courts—the Judges of the County Courts—the Judges of the Baltimore City Court and Office—the Attorney General—the Treasurers of the Eastern and Western Shores—the Land offices of the Eastern and Western Shore—the office of the Adjutant General—the City Council of Baltimore—the City Council of Annapolis—the office of Insolvent Commissioners—the Colleges in the State, Howard District—the Library of Congress—to each Department of the General Government—the Chancellor and Chancery office, and the Court of Appeals for the Eastern and Western Shore.

No. 3.

Resolved, by the General Assembly of Maryland. That the Librarian transmit to the Honorable John Leeds Kerr, forty-four copies of Bozman's History of Maryland, in acknowledgment of that gentleman's munificence in presenting to the State, that History in manuscript.

No. 4.

Resolved, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the Librarian be, and he is hereby authorised and required, to purchase a carpet for the Library room, and to cause the furnace to be repaired, provided the entire cost shall not exceed three hundred dollars, and the Treasurer of the Western Shore is hereby authorised to pay the same out of any unappropriated money in the Treasury.

REPORT OF THE STATE LIBRARIAN.

STATE LIBRARY,

ANNAPOLIS, *January 1st, 1841.*

To the Joint Committee on the State Library:

GENTLEMEN:—I have the honor to present the following annual report, pursuant to the 18th article of the rules and regulations of the Library.

In my last report, I stated the balance of that year's appropriation to be		\$9 91
To which add the appropriation for 1840,		500 00
Making the sum of		<u>\$509 91</u>
And which has been applied as follows:		
Paid N. Hickman, pr. Receipt No. 1,	344 80	
do. J. J. Audubon, pr. do. No. 2,	15 00	
do. N. Bixly, pr. do. No. 3,	11 75	
do. J. Murray, pr. do. No. 4,	42 00	
do. D. Brunner, pr. do. No. 5,	42 24	
do. J. E. Holbrook, pr. do. No. 6,	10 00	
Paid 1 year's subscription to the "Southern Literary Messenger, for 1840, per receipt No. 7,	5 00	
Paid 1 year's subscription to "American Rail Road Journal" for 1839, per receipt No. 8,	5 00	
Paid 1 year's subscription to "Annals of Ed- ucation," for 1839, per receipt No. 9,	3 50	
Paid 1 year's subscription to "Law Libra- ry," to June 1841, per receipt No. 10,	10 00	489 29
This balance of		<u>20 62</u>
is subject to be called for, on account of Books purchased, to the amount of		18 00
Leaving unexpended the sum of		<u>\$2 62</u>

The balance on hand last year, for Books sold, was		5 72
Since then, I have sold from the Library. books to the amount of		28 15
And received for a fine imposed for the loss of D'Lorme, 2 volumes,		1 50
Amounting to		\$35 37
Which has been applied as follows:		
Paid for 2 copies "Fall of Warsaw,"	50	
Paid subscription to "Common School Assistant," for 1838-'39 and '40,	2 00	
Paid for one copy, "Lord Brougham on Education,"	50	
Paid for 6 volumes "Niles Register," from volume 52 to 57, inclusive,	18 75	
Paid for "Duncan's Lectures," 2 volumes,	1 25	
Paid for 1 copy "Kinne's Law Compendium,"	4 00	
Paid for incidental expenses,	4 63	
		31 63
Balance on hand		\$3 74

I have effected exchanges of books within the last year, to the amount of six dollars and fifty cents.

I have received 500 sets of Dorsey's Laws of Maryland, making 1580 volumes, including 61 sets, or 366 volumes, interleaved, 2 sets of the latter have in pursuance of Resolution No. 28, Dec. session 1838, been sent to each county in the State, with the exception of Kent, Caroline and Montgomery counties, for which, sets are packed and await a suitable opportunity to be forwarded. Twenty sets of the same, and 25 sets not interleaved, have been placed in the library for the use of the legislature: and there now remain 414 sets, or 1242 volumes, to be disposed of at the will of the General Assembly.

Under the provisions of Resolution No. 74, Dec. session, 1838, I purchased 40 copies of the first, and 42 copies of the second volume of Bland's Chancery Reports, (having previously procured 2 copies of the first volume.) Of these, one copy has been sent to each county court in this State, 10 copies reserved for the use of the library, and 12 copies to be disposed of according to the purport of said resolution.

Besides the annual laws of the several States and the United States, the Revised Statutes of South Carolina, Arkansas and Mississippi, also Shipley's Reports of the Supreme Judicial Court of Maine, 3 volumes, Howard's Reports of Mississippi, 3 volumes, and Battle's Reports of North Carolina, 8 vols.; have been received.

The library has been augmented the past year from the above mentioned resources, by the receipt of seven hundred and seventy-two volumes.

All which is respectfully submitted,

D. RIDGELY, Librarian.



